



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 983**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY DISASTER AND TERRORISM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1,  
2       2012, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Emergency  
3       Management and Homeland Security shall report to the General  
4       Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on  
5       planning and activities for children and youth as part of homeland  
6       preparedness and emergency response planning for natural disasters,  
7       man-made disasters and terrorism. The report shall include provisions  
8       that address (1) the distinct health needs of children for purposes of  
9       bioterrorism and other public health emergency preparedness, (2)  
10      public education and communications for families concerning public  
11      safety issues relating to disasters and terrorism, (3) training in safety  
12      and security measures and multi-hazard response plans for child care  
13      providers, school personnel and personnel in before and after school  
14      programs, family homeless shelters, summer camps and juvenile  
15      justice system facilities, (4) coordination of school health and mental  
16      health strategies, and (5) the amendments to the state civil  
17      preparedness plan and program made pursuant to subsection (c) of  
18      section 28-5 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

19      Sec. 2. Section 28-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the

20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 (a) The commissioner may make studies and surveys of the  
22 manpower, industries, resources and facilities of the state to ascertain  
23 the capabilities of the state for civil preparedness and to plan for their  
24 most efficient use in time of emergency. The commissioner may apply  
25 to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, or to a judge  
26 of said court if the court is not in session, for a subpoena to compel the  
27 attendance of such witnesses or the production of such books, papers,  
28 records or documents of individuals, firms, associations or  
29 corporations as may be necessary to the effective preparation of the  
30 civil preparedness of the state. The court or judge shall, before issuing  
31 such subpoena, provide adequate opportunity for the commissioner  
32 and the party against whom the subpoena is requested to be heard. No  
33 such subpoena shall issue unless the court or judge certifies that the  
34 attendance of such witness or the production of such books, papers,  
35 records or documents is reasonably necessary to the effective  
36 preparation of the civil preparedness of the state and that the  
37 commissioner has made reasonable efforts to secure such attendance  
38 or such books, papers, records or documents without recourse to  
39 compulsory process.

40 (b) The commissioner shall direct the preparation of a  
41 comprehensive plan and program for the civil preparedness of the  
42 state and integrate and coordinate that plan and program to the fullest  
43 extent possible with the civil preparedness plans of the federal  
44 government and of other states. When the plan and program has been  
45 prepared, the commissioner shall present it to the Governor for his  
46 approval. When the Governor approves the plan, all government  
47 agencies, state or local, and all civil preparedness forces in the state  
48 shall carry out the duties and functions assigned by the plan and  
49 program as approved. The plan and program may, from time to time,  
50 be amended or modified in like manner. The commissioner shall  
51 coordinate the civil preparedness activities of the towns and cities of  
52 the state to the end that they shall be fully integrated with the state

53 civil preparedness plan and program.

54 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland  
55 Security shall, within available appropriations and in consultation with  
56 the Commissioners of Social Services, Public Health, Children and  
57 Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Education, and  
58 the Commission on Children, update and amend the state civil  
59 preparedness plan and program established pursuant to subsection (b)  
60 of this section to address the needs of children during natural  
61 disasters, man-made disasters and terrorism. The plan may also be  
62 amended in consultation with parents, local emergency services and  
63 child care providers. The amended plan shall include, but not be  
64 limited to, a requirement that all schools and licensed child day care  
65 services, as defined in section 19a-77, have written multi-hazard  
66 disaster response plans that address (1) the evacuation and removal of  
67 children to a safe location, (2) notification of parents in the event of a  
68 disaster or terrorism, (3) reunification of parents with their children,  
69 and (4) care for children with special needs during a disaster or  
70 terrorism.

71 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) In accordance with the state civil preparedness plan and  
72 program, the commissioner shall institute such training programs and  
73 public information programs, shall take all other preparatory steps,  
74 including the partial or full mobilization of civil preparedness forces in  
75 advance of actual disaster, as may be necessary to the prompt and  
76 effective operation of the state civil preparedness plan in time of  
77 emergency and may, from time to time, conduct such practice  
78 blackouts or radio silences as may be authorized by the United States  
79 Army or its duly designated agency, and such practice air raid alerts or  
80 other civil preparedness exercises as the commissioner may deem  
81 necessary.

82 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The commissioner shall utilize the personnel, services,  
83 equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices and  
84 agencies of the state to the maximum extent possible. The head of each  
85 such department, office or agency, in cooperation with and under the

86 direction of the commissioner, shall be responsible for the planning  
 87 and programming of such activities in the civil preparedness programs  
 88 as will involve the utilization of the facilities of his department, office,  
 89 institution or agency and shall implement and carry out such activities  
 90 whenever necessary for the welfare and safety of the state.

91 [(e)] (f) In order to accomplish the purposes of this chapter, the  
 92 commissioner may make such orders and such regulations as may be  
 93 necessary to develop and implement the civil preparedness plan and  
 94 program. Subject to the provisions of chapter 54, all such orders and  
 95 regulations shall have the full force and effect of law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	28-5

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